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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 9 April 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Lehman said he is considering preparation of an Alert Memorandum on developing hostilities between Iran and Iraq. In response to a query from Mr. Carlucci, Lehman said we are not sure how the situation will develop militarily, noting however that Iraq can be expected to conduct subversion. He noted also Iraq's military divisions have not been deployed in response to Iran's most recent threat. []

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Fitzwater reported [] clericals in process, which hopefully will alleviate current shortages in this job category. He reported also Connecticut General has agreed to a withdrawal of 50 percent [] from the Agency's VIP income fund for investment via the Credit Union in higher interest Treasury certificates--14 percent versus 8 percent. He opined that Connecticut General agreed in order to save the VIP account; he noted the [] is to be returned to the income fund at the end of 6 months. []

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Lipton reported work is well underway with the Agency managers in developing the 1982 budget. He said also his office is preparing for next week's Congressional markup of the 1981 budget. A brief discussion followed on how our 1981 budget amendment request to OMB will fare. Hitz expressed his concern for how the amendment will be handled on the Hill and what our recourse would be in the event of denial or serious shortfall. [] opined that OMB will be supportive and, despite a potential for problems on the Hill, the amendment is likely to survive. []

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Hetu called attention to hearings to be held by Representative Aspin next week re prepublication review procedures. Hitz noted DIA, NSA, and FBI representatives are scheduled to testify on 16 April and that, in a letter to the Director, HPSCI Chairman Boland said he would "appreciate" an Agency representative in attendance. Noting Hetu had already testified, it was agreed that Hetu accompanied by [] should appear again on the 16th. []

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Hitz called attention to Representative Aspin's intent to schedule another hearing on 18 April re the Presidential Finding relating to [] Noting that Mr. Carlucci had testified in detail on 1 April, Hitz said Representative Aspin was not in attendance. Mr. Carlucci agreed with Hitz's suggestion that we seek deferral of Mr. Carlucci's reappearance and that we would provide responses to questions for the record. []

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Hitz called Mr. Carlucci's attention to a special reprogramming action which has apparently disturbed Senator Mathias. He said Senator Mathias has complained to Senator Baker re committee handling/coordination of the action. A brief discussion followed re Hill staffers' culpability. (Later in the meeting, Mr. Carlucci asked Hitz to find out if a phone call to Senator Mathias might help to alleviate the Senator's concern.) []

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Hitz said he would appreciate some time from each Deputy Director to meet with Peter Murphy, HAC Staffer (Snodgrass' successor), who is visiting Headquarters for most of the day. Based on their recent meetings with Murphy, [] gave some brief insights on how best to deal with him; [] noted Murphy is "quick" in his ability to grasp; [] noted Murphy's interest in Cuba and North Korea. Hitz briefly summarized Murphy's extensive experience in government and said Murphy can be expected to be "tough" in his HAC role. []

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Hitz said OLC is conducting a "legislative congress" [] this weekend, and that the session will include attendees from CTS, RMS, and other Community organizations. Discussion will focus on such items as review of Charters Legislation and the budget process. []

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Silver described the SSCI staff preparation of a mini-charter as an "abomination." He cited numerous weaknesses in the product and said the product is likely to end the charter process for this year. He noted also that this mini-charter is generally more restrictive than the fuller (170 page) version. []

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Ward said Dirks was visiting NSA today and Taylor was at the National Bureau of Standards. []

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